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DEVELOPMENT OF FORESTS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government had started or proposed to start the development of forest villages instead of cutting the forests for the residential and industrial purposes;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years; and

(c) the details of progress made so far under the above scheme, particularly in Maharashtra, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a): The scheme of Development of Forests Villages is being implemented by Ministry of Tribal Affairs under Special Central Assistance (SCA) to Tribal Sub Plan (TSP). It was launched in 2005-06 as one of the thrust areas of Tribal Development during 10th Five Year Plan.For providing basic minimum facilities and services like food, safe drinking water, health care, primary education, approach roads and other infrastructure facilities; etc., the Government provided for Rs.450.00 crore in the 10th Five Year Plan as a one-time measure.This fund was provided for the development of forest villages identified in 12 States of the country.

(b) & (c): A statement showing State-wise proposals received and approved for forest Villages and funds released is enclosed. In the case of Maharashtra there are no forest villages